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Chapter House Lane – a not-for-profit contemporary art space in Melbourne

The latest:

- Chapter House Lane presents Sydney photographer Rowan Conroy and his exhibition: 'ATHINA', 1 March to 1 April 2012, with an opening from 6-8pm, Thursday 1 March.
- Given the current attention Greece's ailments are receiving in the news, Conroy's large-scale, striking photographs hold particular interest.
- The three colour prints fill the windows, their size and scope boggling, bringing a different perspective to the Greek capital, Athens.
- Taken from a height, Conroy captures abstract patterns in the warren of buildings below. The complexity and density erases the individual human occupants and presents the urban landscape as a calcified accretion comparable to structures like anthills, coral reefs or lichen: colonies of organisms that grow, replicate and eventually spread across the land, inhabiting every available crevice.
- Conroy's interest in ancient and living archaeology takes him to places steeped in history, grappling with the modern explosion of development and population. Having previously exhibited in Sydney and Cyprus, this is Conroy's first Melbourne show.

The history:

- Our first three show openings have unfolded in fine conditions, the gods smiling on the artwork of Justin Lee Williams, Chaco Kato and Jelena Telecki, and our open-air gallery.
- These long, mild summer nights, our lights have been on until 11pm thanks to Careers Australia – helping us reach a large audience of people out and about in Melbourne.
- St Paul's Cathedral have been giving us access to their car park for exhibition bump-in and bump-out, which is a logistical lifesaver in this busy corner of the city.
- Chapter House Lane remains free from cost for exhibitors and committed to presenting the public with a range of exceptional artwork by emerging and established artists.

The future:

- The Lazarus Centre for the homeless was run out of the Anglicare office next to Chapter House Lane when we first opened. It has since moved to St Peter's on the northeast edge of the city. This month, Chapter House Lane has made a donation of \$220 to the Lazarus Centre to contribute to their art therapy program. This donation was made possible due to the support we receive from McPherson Wines and Hells Kitchen, and comes from donations taken at the bar during the Jelena Telecki opening in February.
- Chapter House Lane received 60 proposals from a range of artists in its first ever call-out, and is currently creating a short-list of applicants.
- Our April show features local painter Matlok Griffiths with his exhibition of new work titled "Chic & Contemporary Holiday Paintings".

The key details:

- You can catch info, pics and updates at – facebook.com/chapterhouselane & chapterhouselane.org.au – or for interview requests and images please contact:
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